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IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday July 7th, 2024

News from the IRTS

The next IRTS Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, July 11th at 8:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society, or other body may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS Committee meetings. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie) in advance to ensure notification and links are provided.

The IRTS news team will be taking its annual summer holidays from Sunday, July 14th until Sunday, August 4th. This means that the last IRTS HF bulletin before the break will be the 80m bulletin at 12 p.m. on Sunday, July 14th and the next bulletin will be the 40m bulletin on Sunday, August 4th at 11 a.m. For events that may be taking place during the holiday period, people are advised to send them to the news editor as soon as possible so they can be included in upcoming IRTS news bulletins before the summer break. The IRTS wish to thank all of our newsreaders both HF and local weekly readers for your continued great service to the society. We hope you all enjoy your summer break!

National Short Wave Listeners Club AGM

The National Short Wave Listeners Club held their Annual General Meeting on June 23rd where there was a planned major change in leadership in line with their constitution. Their tutors and mentors are now having a well-earned break after the conclusion of Class Golf and the 100% success rate of their students in the HAREC examination held on May 11th. However, the show goes on and the training continues in the more informal setting of their Sunday Socials on the Zoom platform. Here, talks and presentations are delivered on topics of interest to both new and more seasoned hams. Members can raise any questions they have on any aspect of the hobby and most of the answers are available from their wide-ranging membership. If not, they find an expert! A review of the past year by outgoing chairman Rafal EI6LA showed that they currently have 137 members, all of them being members of the IRTS.

The publication of the IRTS Study Guide just before the IRTS AGM last April was a major achievement, thanks in particular to the Editor, Rafal EI6LA. They are very grateful to the many people who were involved in its preparation in many different capacities. It sold out very quickly and another batch will be with the IRTS Book Sales Manager Pat EI2HX very soon.

Events during the past year included a field day in Tuam, Co. Galway, a visit to Co. Laois for a radio direction finding event which was hosted by the Collective Communication Club EI3CC, a visit to the AirNav facilities in Co. Clare, and their annual dinner in Ennis.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman Pat MacGrath EI2JQB, Secretary Damien McShane EI7LF, Treasurer/Membership Officer Paraic Nolan EI9IRB, Asset Manager Mike Griffin EI2LF, and IRTS Representative Pat MacGrath EI2JQB.

Full details on how to sign up for the next course are on SWL.ie

EI0HQ in the IARU HF Championship

If anyone is interested in using the headquarter station callsign EI0HQ representing Ireland in the IARU HF Championship next weekend over the 13th and 14th of July, you are asked to contact the IRTS Contest Manager, Mark EI6JK to check for availability as soon as possible. Mark may be contacted via email to [contestmanager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:contestmanager/at/irts.ie).

IP1X Team Active from Gallinara Island

The IP1X team comprising IU1JCZ, I1NVU, IK1YDB, IU1LCU, and IK1QBT will be active from Gallinara Island (EU-083) on 27-28 July 2024. This is a small private island off the Northwest coast of Italy. They will operate CW and SSB on 10 to 80 metres and will be active over 24 hours during the IOTA Contest 2024.

RSGB 3.5MHz Club Championship Contest

The next RSGB 3.5MHz Club Championship SSB Contest takes place on Wednesday July 10th. This runs from 19:00 to 20:30 UTC. SSB contest activity will be between 3.6 MHz and 3.775 MHz and the exchange is signal strength and serial number. Further information may be found at www.rsgbcc.org

Satellite News

AMSAT EA announce that the maiden flight of the new European launcher, Ariane 6, is scheduled for July 9, 2024. The launch window is 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time from the European spaceport in French Guiana. Among other payloads, it carries a GENESIS-A amateur radio module attached to the second stage of the launcher. This module will transmit FT8 and live SSTV images in Robot 36 format. FT8 transmissions will be made every 16 seconds and SSTV images will be transmitted every five minutes. FT8 mode will operate on 144.175 MHz and 144.550 MHz will be used for SSTV operation. The Ariane 6 ground track passes to the north of Ireland but it will be an especially challenging feat to receive signals. Two-line element set information is not available for the second stage launcher containing the equipment and the module itself will fall into the sea after a few hours. This means that the window to put your satellite operation skills to the test may be as

short as two hours.

Visiting Japanese Amateur Radio Operator

Taka Yamauchi 7K1BIB plans to operate from Ireland this month and has obtained the visitor callsign EI4VX. He indicates that he wants to try a Parks on the Air activation in addition to other amateur radio activities in his spare time. Taka has the distinction of acting as a managing director of the Japan Amateur Radio League. Please listen out for EI4VX on HF and VHF and extend a Céad Míle Fáilte to him.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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